

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8, 10 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the Article 34 amendments contained in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability in connection with the international application. Claims 9 and 14 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein, and in accordance with the Article 34 amendment. No new matter has been added.

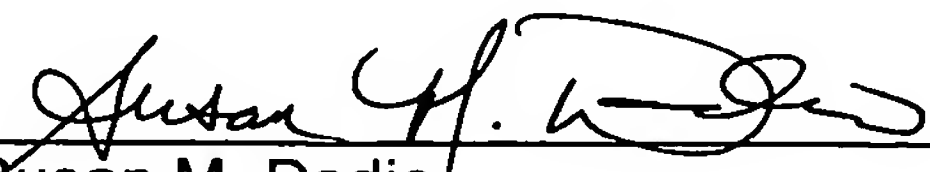
It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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